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# **Interview Summary**

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Lynne Edmondson.

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(2) Sung Oh.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 13 March 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: Okj JP-53-118524-A and Kosslow USPN 5524809.

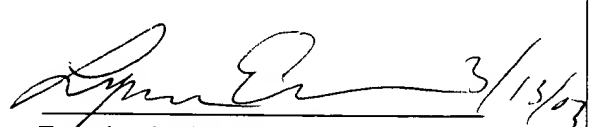
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: A proposed amendment will be sent wherein the second element of independent claim 44 will be changed from "a handle having an opening adapted to receive..." to read "a handle having an opening along the centerline of the handle adapted to receive..." which overcomes the Oki reference. Kosslow does not teach a releasable handle (teaches fixed) or the instant handle location (handle is placed at one end of the sleeve) and therefore does not read on the instant independent claims. These rejections will be withdrawn upon receipt of the formal amendment .



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# Fax Cover Sheet

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